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APPLICANTS: Peter GAISER et al.

INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.: PCT/EP96/02633

SERIAL NO.: 08/981,233

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FILED: December 19, 1997

EXAMINER:

FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY DRYING
PROTEIN CONTAINING SLUDGE

LETTER RESPONDING TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Box PCT
Attn: PCT Legal Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 18, 2000

Sir:

Responsive to the DECISION ON RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR
1.48(a) dated December 27, 1999, the following comments are made in
connection with the above-identified application.

In the DECISION, Petitions Attorney Kratz requested

[A] new written consent where the name and the title of each
person with authority to sign on behalf of the assignee is clearly
identifiable. (See paragraph 3 on page 1)

In response, Applicants have attached hereto a SECOND RENEWED
PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a). Accordingly, attached hereto are the

required materials for a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) as instructed in MPEP § 201.03.

With regard to this matter, 37 CFR 1.48(a) requires that the amendment be accompanied by:

- (1) a petition including a statement from each person being added... that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part;
- (2) an oath or declaration by each actual inventor or inventors as required by 37 CFR 1.63...;
- (3) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and
- (4) the written consent of any existing assignee.

Regarding item (2), Applicants are relying on the Declaration filed April 2, 1998. However, for clarity of the record, attached hereto is a copy of the Declaration filed April 2, 1999.

Regarding item (3), the petition fee was previously submitted as part of Applicant's letter dated October 4, 1999, and Petitions Attorney Kratz indicated in paragraph 2 of page 2 of the December 27, 1999 DECISION letter that no additional petition fee is required.

It is submitted that the attached petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a) complies with all USPTO requirements.

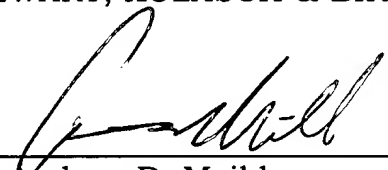
If any issues remain regarding the above matters, please contact Applicants' representative, Dr. Garth M. Dahlen, in the Washington, metropolitan area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: (1) a petition including a statement from each person being added that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his part;
(2) a copy of the declaration filed April 2, 1999; and
(3) the written consent of the assignee.

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PETITION CORRECTING INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 18, 2000

Sir:

This is a Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), of U.S. Application No. 08/981,233, filed December 19, 1997, entitled PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY DRYING PROTEIN-CONTAINING SLUDGE.

Applicants hereby petition that this Application be amended to add an omitted inventor.

Please add the following inventor to this Application:

INVENTOR

Ulrich PLANTIKOW

**RESIDENCE (CITY AND FOREIGN
COUNTRY)**

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The inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on the part of the omitted inventor or inventors.

The Patent Petition fee was previously submitted in Applicant's October 4, 1999 Petition. As such, no fee is required.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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